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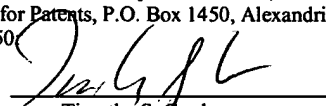
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Re: *U.S. Patent Application S.N. 10/821,109 entitled "ION CURLING IRON AND STRAIGHTENER," by Michael Cafaro*
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Dear Sirs:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form SB08A along with references A1-A26; and
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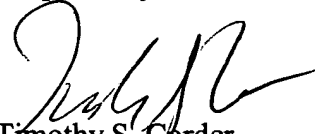
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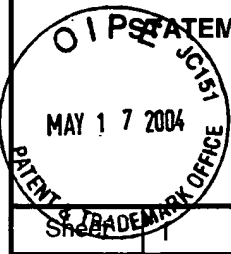


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